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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2021

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PINT, PO

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COUP ATTEMPT

SITREP NO. 16 AS OF 7:15 P.M.

1. RADIO REPORTING THAT A THREE STAR GENERAL (NAME AND BRANCH OF SERVICE NOT GIVEN) HAS SOUGHT ASYLUM WITH A FEW OTHERS IN FRG EMBASSY. WE TEND TO BELIEVE REPORT. WE CALLED FRG EMBASSY TO CHECK AND WERE TOLD THEIR DCM "WAS BUSY TALKING TO VISITORS."

2. RADIO EMISORA HAS BEGUN TO BROADCAST BULLETINS CALLING ON POPULACE TO TAKE TO STREETS AND DEMONSTRATE THEIR SUPPORT OF GOP AND AFM. THIS CONTRASTS WITH EARLIER GOP EXHORTATIONS THAT PEOPLE REMAIN CALM AND LEAVE MATTERS IN HANDS OF AUTHORITIES.

3. CROWDS ARE MOVING TOWARDS SPANISH EMBASSY AND TROOPS GUARDING OUR EMBASSY HAVE DEPARTED -- PRESUMABLY TO GUARD SPANIARDS. REPORTS THAT SPINOLA ET AL WERE FLEEING TO SPAIN PROBABLY STIMULATED THIS CROWN REACTION. WE SEEKING TO RESTORE GUARDS AT EMBASSY.

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4. UPDATING EARLIER RADIO REPORT (SITREP NO. 12)

RADIO NOW REPORTING THAT GENERAL GALVAO DE MELO WAS IN VISEU --
CITY OF NORTH CENTRAL PORTUGAL.

5. RE PARA 2 ABOVE, WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FIRST REPORT OF
CHECK POINTS BEING ESTABLISHED: AN AMERICAN TRAVELING FROM
SETUBAL TO LISBON WAS STOPPED HALF A DOZEN TIMES BY MILITARY
AND CIVILIANS WHO SEARCHED CAR AND THEN LET HIM PASS UNMOLESTED.
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